

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings once again to all members as I write my last editorial for Biophilately! This is one of the decisions which was made at the meetings of the Biology Unit and Philatelic Lepidopterists Unit at the recent A.T.A. show in Milwaukee. The Biology Unit meeting is always held at 10.a.m. on the Saturday and among the members present were myself, the Secretary Chris Dahle, Don Wright, Lois Herrman and Jack Congrove. Numerous items were discussed and I reiterated my wish to relinquish the job as Editor, since my wife (currently in hospital) is probably going to need a great deal of help when she finally returns home. In addition, I have been doing this job for more years than I can remember and figured it was time for some "new blood". It was only after the meeting that Jack Congrove said to me that he would not mind taking on the job, so he will be taking up the reins after this issue and the transfer of all the necessary files and paper work.

The Philatelic Lepidopterists meeting followed Biology, as it has been doing for some time and present were myself, Don Wright and Jack Congrove. Some of you may be aware that the Publisher/Treasurer of the Unit, Fran Hammond, had recently passed away and funds in the bank had been passed on to Don Wright. We discussed the fact that the last journal (The Philatelic Aurelian) had been published in August of 2010 and since that time, no material had been submitted for publication. It was therefore decided to merge the two units, as only the "Entomology" column which is written by Don Wright, would be affected. I said that I would undertake to contact all members of the Lepidopterists Unit to acquaint them with the decision and offer membership in the Biology Unit instead of continuing their Lepidopterists membership.

There is an extra large Mammals column in this issue, as it was missing from the last issue! This had to do with the fact that the Mammal Editor is based in the U.K. and since the joining of "*Scott Stamp Monthly*" with "*Linn's Stamp News*", it had become difficult for him to obtain the required information to produce his column. I then volunteered to cut the new issue listings out of my copy of Linn's and send it to him, which appears to have solved the problem.

It only remains for me to say how much I have enjoyed my tenure as Editor and the interaction with other members at the annual A.T.A. meetings. Lastly, I have to thank my sub-editors, who have been very patient whenever I had a computer problem, such as with files with a .docx extension and also those members that have served the Unit as Directors.

See you in Lancaster, PA, next year at ATA - Alan J. Hanks.

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BU Secretary/Treasurer's Report 2011

There are currently 138 members in the Biology Unit with 39 life members. Fifteen new members have joined since June 2010 and three members were reinstated. Unfortunately, 68 names were purged from my membership lists. Some of these were members who had not paid dues for several years.

In January our former president, Fran Hammond, died. Besides serving as president, Fran also was our publisher, printing and mailing the journal for many years. We have been fortunate that Dick Roman volunteered to take over the job. We had to work out a few kinks in the system, as Fran used to have all the information on her computer, but I think we have it all straightened out now. Please let the Secretary know if you are not receiving the journal as you expect.

We are still working on a directory of members in the Unit. If you have not already done so, please let the Secretary know whether the Unit has your permission to publish your postal or e-mail addresses.

Since the current treasurer took over last July, the Unit has had income of \$2,352.02, of which \$311.25 was new member dues and \$1,652.27 was renewals. We received donations of \$388.50, much of which was a result of confusion after we sent out more than one notice for renewals. Expenses for the year were \$2136.14. This consisted of \$930.64 for printing the journal, and \$992.12 for postage. The web site expenses were \$184.25. The current balance is \$18,636.78.

New Members:

1817	Albright, Janis, 29 Coach Road So., Portland, ME 04106 flora, catcherdog@maine.rr.com	2, 5, 8 birds, marine life, conservation, dogs
1818	Harrison, Terry, 629 N. Bush St., Anaheim, CA 92805-2217 tahmeb@ix.netcom.com	mushrooms
1819	Mullan, William, 80 Curtis Ave., Rutland, VT 05701-4821 billybasho@comcast.net	2, trees
1820	Bono, Peter R., PO Box 705, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675 pbono@prba.com	5
1821	Lerner, William, 3104 West Strathmore Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215 Wlerner44@gmail.com	7,4

There were 3 reinstatements.

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